

REMARKS

Claims 1-35 are pending.

Claims 1, 15 and 27 are independent claims.

Drawings

The indication that the drawings filed on March 19, 2002 were accepted is noted.

Foreign Priority

The indication that the foreign priority documents submitted under 35 U.S.C. § 119 have been placed in the file is noted.

Information Disclosure Statement

The indication that the Information Disclosure Statement and the documents thereon were considered is noted.

Reply to Rejections.

Claim 29 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as set forth on page 2 of the Office Action. Claim 29 has been amended and does comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

The Examiner is requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Second Rejection

Claims 1-8, 11-19, 22-27 and 31-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Cook et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,786,655 B2 (hereinafter "Cook"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As this is a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102, each and every feature must be shown specifically or inherently. Cook fails to disclose specifically or inherently the totality of the subject matter claimed at least for the reasons set forth below

Independent Claim 1 is directed to a print system, which comprises: an image input device which photoelectrically reads an image photographed on a photographic film so as to input the read image as an input image; an image processing device which performs image processing on the input image; an image output device which outputs the processed image data as an output image, reproducing the image to a predetermined recording medium; a storage device which stores an image processing condition relative to each image when generating the output image and image retrieval data for retrieving the image processing condition; and a retrieval device which performs a retrieval operation on the storage device using the image retrieval data in accordance with an image reorder printing request and reads the image processing condition from the storage device. Claim 1 specifies that, when the image reorder printing request is made, an image designated for reorder printing is read photoelectrically from the photographic film and the image processing is performed on the read image according to the image processing condition retrieved by the retrieval device so that the image is output as an output image.

As described, for example, on page 51 of the specification, an embodiment supporting the subject matter of Claim 1 effectively generate image reprints that correspond to the “simultaneous print,” even if the reprinting order is processed by a different photo shop or by a different print system.

Cook discloses a system for self-service film processing as described, for example, at column 3, line 59-column 4, line 14. The self-service film processing system 100 allows a user to process their own film 106 without requiring the assistance of a film-processing technician. In rejecting Claim 1, the Examiner relies on column 7, lines 20-25, which state as follows:

The self-service film processing system 100 may include one or more imaging programs 122. In one embodiment, imaging programs 122 operate to correct or enhance the digital image 108. For example, imaging programs 122 may include software programs for red-eye removal, cropping, color correction and management, artifact removal, softening and the like. In another embodiment, imaging programs 122 operate to produce composites of the digital image 108. For example, imaging programs 122 may include software for creating greeting cards, merging multiple images, and the like.

Applicant notes, however, that the imaging programs 122 used to process image data in the self-serve film processing system 100 of Cook are not image processing conditions relative to each image when generating the output image, such image processing conditions being stored and subsequently retrieved when an image reorder printing request is made so as to process an image designated for reorder printing and read from photographic film as recited in independent Claim 1. Consequently, Cook fails to anticipate Claim 1.

Independent Claim 27 is believed to define over Cook at least based on reasoning similar to that set forth above with respect to Claim 1.

Independent Claim 15 is directed to a print system, which comprises: an image input device which photoelectrically reads an image photographed on a photographic film so as to input the read image as image data of an input image; an image processing device which performs image processing on the input image; an image output device which outputs the processed image as an output image reproducing the image photographed on the photographic film to a predetermined recording medium; a storage device which stores an image data after being processed by the image processing device and before being converted into an output format corresponding to the predetermined recording medium, as an image reproducing information when generating the output image reproducing the photographed image, together with an image identification code for specifying the image data; and a retrieval device which performs a retrieval operation on the storage device using the image identification code in accordance with an image reorder printing request and reads the image reproducing information from the storage device, wherein, when the image reorder printing request is made, the processed image data corresponding to the image designated for reorder printing is read from the storage device using the image identification code, and is output to the predetermined recording medium from the image output device. Claim 15 specifies that the processed image data are stored before being converted into the output format corresponding to the recording medium.

The Examiner particularly relies on column 8, lines 2-24 to allegedly teach this feature. It is noted that the relied upon portion merely indicates that the digital images may be directed to alternative output devices 124 including to a storage system 124b. There is no disclosure whatsoever that indicates a teaching or suggestion of storing the image data to a storage device

after the image data is processed and before being converted to an output format. Consequently, Cook fails to anticipate Claim 15.

With respect to the dependent claims, these claims are considered patentable at least for the same reasons as their base or intervening claims.

The Examiner is requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

Third Rejection

Claims 9-10, 20-21 and 28-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cook et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,786,655 B2 (hereafter “Cook”). This rejection is traversed.

In the rejection, the Office Action takes OFFICIAL NOTICE, for example, on page 10 and page 11. Initially, the Examiner’s reliance on OFFICIAL NOTICE fails to make up for the above-noted deficiencies of Cook. Furthermore, if this rejection is maintained, the Examiner is requested to supply evidence regarding this OFFICIAL NOTICE. Note the evidence must predate the foreign filing dates of this application.

For the reasons set forth above, the Examiner is requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

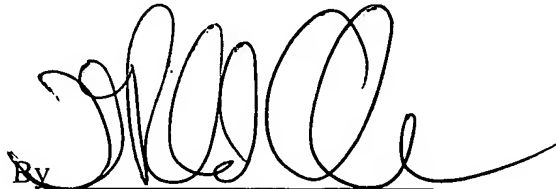
CONCLUSION

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Hyung N. Sohn (Reg. No. 44,346) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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